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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PETRI).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

Washington, DC, September 23, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS E. Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

 $\mbox{ J. Dennis Hastert, } \\ \mbox{ Speaker of the House of Representatives. } \\$

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:
Lord God, Your revelation shaped the founding of this Nation. Divine Providence has guided us through the years. Our spiritual heritage gives us strength as leaders in government face the questions and problems whirling around us

in these autumn winds.

You have boldly said "Today I have set before you life and death, therefore choose life." These words have inspired people of faith down through the ages. Renew hearts around the world as people dedicate their energy in the pursuit of peace and justice. Bless America's leadership in the effort to unite people against all forms of terrorism and help build a more humane world.

In You we place our trust now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Guam (Mr. UNDERWOOD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. UNDERWOOD led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2121. An act to make available funds under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to expand democracy, good governance, and anti-corruption programs in the Russian Federation in order to promote and strengthen democratic government and civil society in that country and to support independent media

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106–170, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, after consultation with the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, announces the appointment of Jack L. Hillyard, of Iowa, to serve as a member of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel, vice Dr. Richard V. Burkhauser, of New York.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 20, 2002.
Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,

The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelop received from the White House on September 20, 2002 at 9:44 a.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he submits the National Security Strategy of the United States.

With best wishes, I am Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL, Clerk of the House.

NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY OF THE UNITED STATES—MES-SAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 108 of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended (50 U.S.C. 404a), I am transmitting a report prepared by my Administration on the National Security Strategy of the United States.

George W. Bush. The White House, $September\ 19,\ 2002.$

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Member will be recognized for 5 minutes.

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